

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant presents the claims as amended:

- 5 1. (currently amended) A masonry tuck point tool, comprising:
a selected tuck blade and at least one remaining tuck blade pivotally attached at a
first end, said selected tuck blade and each of at least one remaining tuck
blade [remaining tuck blades] having a distinct blade width [and similar
blade lengths],
10 wherein said selected tuck blade is pivoted approximately 180 degrees away from
said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining tuck blades] thereby
allowing at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining tuck blades] to be
used as a handle at said first end while said selected tuck blade is utilized
for striking a masonry joint with a second end opposite said first end of
15 said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining tuck blades].
2. (currently amended) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said
selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining
tuck blades] are rigid spring steel.
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3. (currently amended) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said
selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining
tuck blades] are hard plastic.
- 25 4. (currently amended) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said
selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining
tuck blades] are bent at an approximately 35 degree angle across said
blade width [approximately equidistant] between said first end and said
second end.

CLAIMS (cont)

5. (currently amended) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said
5 selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade [remaining
 tuck blades] are of distinct lengths.
6. (withdrawn) A method of striking a mortar joint between two adjacent
 masonry elements with a masonry tuck point tool, said masonry tuck point
10 tool having a selected tuck blade and at least one remaining tuck blade
 pivotally attached at a first end of said selected tuck blade and said
 remaining tuck blades, comprising:
 determining a desired grout width;
 selecting said selected tuck blade having said desired grout width;
15 rotating said selected tuck blade approximately 180 degrees away
 from said remaining tuck blades;
 grasping said remaining tuck blades;
 dragging said selected tuck blade between the adjacent masonry
 elements at a depth required to create the desired grout joint
20 appearance.
7. (NEW) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said selected tuck
 blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are bent at an angle of
 between 20 and 35 degrees across said blade width between said first end and
25 said second end.
8. (NEW) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 4, wherein said angle is
 approximately equidistant between said first end and said second end.
9. (NEW) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 7, wherein said angle is
30 approximately equidistant between said first end and said second end.

10. (NEW) The masonry tuck point tool of claim 1, wherein said a selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade have similar blade lengths.

5 11. (NEW) A masonry tuck point tool, comprising:

a selected tuck blade and at least one remaining tuck blade pivotally attached at a first end, said selected tuck blade and each of at least one remaining tuck blade having a distinct blade width,

wherein said selected tuck blade is pivoted approximately 180 degrees away from said at least one remaining tuck blade thereby allowing at least one remaining tuck blade to be used as a handle at said first end while said selected tuck blade is utilized for striking a masonry joint with a second end opposite said first end of said at least one remaining tuck blade,

10 wherein said selected tuck blade and said at least one remaining tuck blade are bent at an angle of from 20 to 35 degrees between said first end and said second end.

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